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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 21 January 2003 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Report on inspection activities for Tuesday, 21 January 2003

I. IAEA inspection team

1. A first group, consisting of eight inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9.20 a.m. and arrived at 9.50 a.m. at the Iraqi Atomic Energy Organization at Tuwaythah. The group interviewed one of the material balance (nuclear) specialists and its leader ordered samples to be taken of liquid residues found in one of the concrete storage tanks. The group then examined the maps in the library and photocopied three of them. It used portable equipment to carry out a radiation survey of the passages and destroyed buildings in order to detect any radioactivity and then inspected the tagged equipment. It completed its assignment at 2.15 p.m. and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 2.35 p.m.

2. A second group consisting of four inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at 5 p.m. at the State Company for Petrochemical Industries of the Ministry of Industry and Minerals in Zubayr, Basra governorate. The group met the company's general manager and asked him about the number of employees, their technical specializations, the company's production, actual and planned capacity, as well as its electricity consumption. The group completed its mission at 7.30 p.m. and returned to the hotel at Basra.

II. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

1. A first group, consisting of 12 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel, Baghdad, at 8.35 a.m. and arrived at the Iba' Agricultural Research Centre in Abu Ghuraib at 9.30 a.m. Upon arrival at the site, the group asked the head of the Centre to halt all movement at the site. The group then met with a number of specialists at the site, requested a description of the site, inquired about the Centre's current activities, the qualifications of the staff working there, its organizational structure and cooperation with other services. The group asked whether the Centre had contacts with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). It also inquired about any changes over the past four years. An in-depth discussion ensued on plant diseases and improved potato varieties. The group then inspected all the Centre's facilities and buildings, the declarations concerning the Centre as well as the tagged equipment. The group completed its mission at 12.10 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 12.55 p.m.

2. A second group, consisting of 10 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel, Baghdad, at 8.40 a.m. and arrived at the University of Baghdad Agricultural Faculty at Abu Ghuraib at 9.30 a.m. The group met with the Faculty's dean and inquired about the number of teaching staff with advanced degrees, the approximate number of students, the most important research carried out by the Faculty's researchers and cooperation with other bodies. The group inspected the advanced studies building and the food industries and plant protection departments.

III. UNMOVIC inspection team (II)

The team, consisting of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel, Baghdad, at 9 a.m. and arrived at the ammunition storage warehouses at Taji, north of Baghdad, at 9.45 a.m. The team asked the site commander about the owner of the warehouses, then inspected one of them and tagged four empty 122-mm Grad missile warheads found by the National Monitoring Directorate during its investigations and reported to UNMOVIC. The team completed its mission at 12.35 p.m. and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1.10 p.m.

IV. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

A group of eight inspectors left the Canal Hotel, Baghdad, at 8.40 a.m. and arrived at 10.50 a.m. at Amiriyat al-Fallujah, 80 kilometres south-west of Baghdad, at one of the sites destroyed during the 1991 aggression which had been used for conducting static tests of solid-fuel missiles. The group inspected the site. It completed its assignment at 11.40 a.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1.20 p.m.

A second group left the Canal Hotel, Baghdad, at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at 9.50 a.m. at the Fath missile engine testing facility in order to observe a test. The group photographed the engine and the test pad, watched the missile engine firing process and reviewed the site's file on static tests. The group completed its assignment at 12.30 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1.45 p.m.

V. UNMOVIC joint inspection team in Mosul

The team left the Nineveh Palace Hotel at 9 a.m. and arrived at the lime factory located seven kilometres west of Mosul at 9.45 a.m. The team inspected the area and completed its assignment at 9.55 a.m.

VI. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary (chemical, biological and missile) inspection team

A team of 11 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 11.30 a.m. for Basra. It went straight to the hotel in Basra and did not undertake any activities.

VII. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

A team of 24 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the Al-Qa'qa State Enterprise, a subsidiary of the Military Industrialization Corporation, at 9.30 a.m. The team interviewed a liaison officer and asked about the activities of the Enterprise and the sites that had been inspected by the inspection teams a few days previously. The team then inspected the production units department. One group took 13 samples and another interviewed holders of doctoral degrees, asking each of them to indicate their specific area of specialization, their thesis subject and the country where they had obtained their doctorate. All the group's questions were answered, although they had nothing to do with disarmament. The team completed its mission at 3.40 p.m. and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 16.42 p.m.